

Worship Helpers

You can sign up to help in worship on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or online at: trinityhammond.org

Sunday, September 14

Greeter: Lois Koosmann
 Ushers: Jim & Karen Riley
 Lector (Reader): Marti Peterson
 Acolyte: Colin & Aspen Langman
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Sunday, September 21

Greeter: Sharon Johnson
 Ushers: Sharon Johnson, Jean Peterson
 Lector: Zelli Moore
 Acolyte: Aubree Moore
 Communion: Dar Sittlow
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Sept. 14	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship
Tuesday, Sept. 16	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Wednesday, Sept. 17	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee with Pastor Julie
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation & BAM Orientation
Sunday, Sept. 21	9:00 a.m.	Rally Sunday Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT begins
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here

Giving

Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of Trinity Lutheran Church!

9/7/25 - Attendance: 40 Online: 8

August Financial Report

Account Balances as of 8/31/2025

General Fund:	\$ 23,818.14
Youth Org:	\$ 4,810.56
Memorial Fund:	\$ 11,120.70
WELCA:	\$ 4,119.78

August Numbers

Income:	\$ 38,744.56
Less Expenses	\$ 20,488.08
Income Less Exp:	\$ 18,256.48
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 3,302.35
	\$ 14,954.13
Less August 1 Bills	\$ 2,993.50
August 2 Balance	\$ 11,960.63

Year-to-date Numbers

Income:	\$138,285.46
Expenses:	\$118,508.52
Income Less Expenses :	\$ 19,776.94
Less Outstanding Checks and Sept. 1 Bills	\$ 6,295.85
	\$ 13,481.09

August was a strong month based on a one-time donation of \$20K.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter September 14, 2025

Sponsored by: Happy Birthday, Lauren Grube.
 Love from your family.

Scott & Mindy Ramberg in celebration of the anniversary of Maeve's Baptism on Sept. 16, 2018.

Giving to Trinity made easy! Scan this QR code and you will be taken to Trinity's "Give" page.



Children and Youth Ministries begin

Illustrated bulletins for pre-reader and reading children are available during worship. Ask an usher for a children's bulletin when you arrive.

Rally Sunday for children's ministry will be September 21, with BOLT, Building Our Lives Together, meeting to have fun, color backpack tags, and sign up for Prayer Partners. Anyone wishing to practice acolyting or lighting prayer candles can also receive training. Adults and youth are encouraged to sign up as volunteer teachers and helpers for Sunday BOLT classes. Please note the "Teacher and Volunteer" section on the Ministry Helper clipboard and the online sign-ups.

Confirmation and BAM Orientation is Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity. We will outline the year, classes, and service projects. Please bring your ideas for service projects to the orientation. There will be opportunity for parents or other adults to sign up and act as a mentor/helper each time we gather for confirmation. If you are not a parent but are open to helping out on occasion, please let Pastor Julie know.

Fall Supper and Bake Sale

Trinity's annual Fall Supper and Bake Sale is approaching! The dinner will be held on Thursday, October 2, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. We will be serving Hotdishes from All Nations, coleslaw, buns, pickles, and pies. Sign-up sheets are up if you are able to help contribute food or serve. All proceeds will go to the Holiday Angels, Family Resource Center, and SCC Backpack Program. For questions, contact Joan Ramberg.

Welcome

We welcome Pastor Gary MacManus, or Pastor Mac, to Trinity. He preaches and leads worship today. Also welcome to Dave Roos, who is the Lead Musician this morning. Thank you for your willingness to lead worship today!

Dedication of Paraments

Today we dedicate a set of red paraments to the glory of God as they adorn the worship space. You are invited to wear red as we celebrate Holy Cross Day. Paraments are decorative cloth materials used in worship to reflect the liturgical season or a commemoration in the church year. Paraments often have symbols and a distinctive color. The word is derived from the Latin, *paramentum*, meaning “adornment” or “preparation.” They include cloths for the altar and pulpit. The changing of the colors provides a visual representation of the story Christ and the Church. The color Red is used on the Day of Pentecost to remind us of God giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit after Christ ascends to heaven. In this case the color is about the story of Christ. The red paraments are used also on Reformation Sunday in late October, a day that tells us of the story of the Church.

The set of red paraments was woven by Judy Larson, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Judy is an avid weaver working on a few projects at one time. It took some skill as well as trial and error for Judy to work out how to weave in the dove and flame for this set of paraments. Thank you, Judy, for this gift of the arts for the worship space at Trinity.

The history of Holy Cross Day has its origins in the fourth century. Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, a Roman Emperor who converted to Christianity, made a pilgrimage to Israel to look for Christian holy sites. She found what she believed were the sites of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, sites that modern archaeologists believe may be correct. The Roman emperor built two churches on this site. Holy Cross Day commemorates the dedication of one, the Church of the Resurrection. The history of Constantine’s motivation is cloudy.

Today as Lutherans, we are more enlivened by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul’s encouragement was that we see that Christ crucified is the power and the wisdom of God. This is an endeavor of persuasion. We are to come to faith persuaded by the love of God in Christ Jesus.



**Coffee with Pastor Julie
Wed., Sept. 17, 9:00 a.m.
Caribou in Baldwin.
All are welcome!**

\$20,000 Challenge Announcement

In response to the presentation by the Treasurer on the financial status of Trinity made in June, an anonymous donor has given \$20,000 to the General Fund above and beyond their regular giving with a challenge to other donors. Over the next 6 months, ending on Feb. 28, 2026, the challenge is for friends and members to also give a financial gift to the General Fund of Trinity which is above their regular giving. These additional gifts should be designated toward “The \$20,000 Challenge.” This will be tracked and celebrated in six months. Thank you for your generosity! Gifts given so far toward this challenge total \$2,445.22. The matching funds will be held in the Memorial Fund.



Prayer Requests: Bill Jacobson
Leo Bork (Sue’s brother)
Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:
Jerry Afdahl, Lenore Moll, Beth Monson

Prayer Point: A prayer for the beginning of the school year. O God of wisdom, we praise you for the wonder of being human, with bodies, minds, and spirits to engage in life. We ask for your blessings at the beginning of this school year. Be with children and youth, give them curiosity. Be with teachers and staff, give them compassion and strength. Be with families and community, give them understanding. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Spiritual Practice: Centering Prayer is a contemplative prayer that involves sitting in silence and using a sacred word or phrase to help focus and return attention to God when distracted. 1) Choose a sacred word/phrase that defines your intention to be open to God’s presence; 2) Find a quiet place, sit comfortably, and settle your mind and body; 3) Silently introduce your chosen word/phrase to gently open yourself to God’s presence; 4) When you become aware of thoughts or feelings, gently return to your sacred word, letting go of the distractions and returning to the present moment; 5) The goal is not to empty your mind but to rest in God’s presence, allowing thoughts to come and go without engaging them; 5) Cultivate a regular practice, as often as daily, to deepen your relationship with God and foster inner transformation.

Submit a Prayer Request: Please fill out the blue prayer request sheet found in the sanctuary and place in the offering plate, or email: tlchwelca@gmail.com, or call the church office and leave a message at 715-796-2788.